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Two New IAF Publications Available—Order Yours Now!

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Inter-American Foundation's newest publications can be ordered free of charge by e-mailing publications@iaf.gov.

Togetherness by Beryl Levinger and Jean McLeod examines the experiences of 12 intersectoral partnerships — among NGOs, local government and, in some cases, private sector businesses — working on grassroots development in five Latin American countries. The authors analyze the vocabulary, stages and types of partnerships entered into, as well as the benefits and burdens of such collaborations. Lessons learned from their on-site research do not always conform to the conventional wisdom but find ample support in the data provided by projects on the ground, all of which are profiled in this book.

In ***Economic Development in Latin American Communities of African Descent***, IAF representative Judith Morrison has compiled presentations from an IAF-sponsored panel at the XXIII International Congress of the Latin American

Studies Association held in 2001 in Washington, D.C. According to recent census information, people of African descent make up one-third of Latin America's population, yet comprise 50 percent of its poor. Only in the last few years has the existence of their communities been fully documented, but the available literature tells us little about the residents' economic engagement. This new publication focuses on issues surrounding their self-help efforts, including three Afro-Brazilian initiatives now receiving IAF support.

Please indicate clearly in your e-mailed message which publication you are ordering along with your name and address. Supplies are limited; orders will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis. Both publications will be accessible on the IAF's Web site at www.iaf.gov. Translations are underway and the availability of other language versions will be announced at a later date.

Created by Congress in 1969 to help improve conditions for the poor in Latin America and the Caribbean, the IAF has awarded more than 4,300 grants to self-help projects over the past three decades. Its mandate includes sharing, through a variety of publications, lessons learned from its vast experience.

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